

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to document formatting using input trees. A method (30) and apparatus (200) for creating a split tree is provided. Marks are assigned to an input tree, removing the need to split the input tree and allowing the input tree structure to remain intact. The advantage of preserving the original structure of the input tree is that it allows interactive formatting. A method (40) of creating tree fragments from the split tree is also provided.

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